

**What is claimed is:**

1       1. A wire grid polarizer with double metal layers,  
2 comprising:  
3       a transparent substrate;  
4       an array of parallel and elongated dielectric layers formed  
5           on the transparent substrate, wherein the dielectric  
6           layers have a period and a trench is located between  
7           adjacent dielectric layers;  
8       a first metal layer having a first thickness formed in the  
9           trench; and  
10      a second metal layer having a second thickness and a width  
11           formed on each dielectric layer, wherein the first  
12           and second metal layers are separated by a vertical  
13           distance;  
14      wherein the period is not greater than 250nm;  
15      wherein the first thickness is not greater than 150nm and  
16           is equal to the second thickness;  
17      wherein the vertical distance is not greater than 100nm;  
18      wherein the ratio of the width to the period is in a range  
19           of 25~75%.

1       2. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2      the transparent substrate is exposed in the trench.

1       3. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2      a remaining dielectric layer is formed on a bottom of the trench.

1       4. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2      a thickness of the transparent substrate is 500~1500nm.

1       5. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 4, wherein  
2 the transparent substrate is a glass or plastic substrate.

1       6. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the dielectric layers are PMMA (polymethylmethacrylate) layers.

1       7. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the first metal layer is an Au, Ag, Cu or Al layer.

1       8. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the second metal layer is an Au, Ag, Cu or Al layer.

1       9. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the first and second metal layers comprise the same material.

1       10. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, further  
2 comprising:

3            a protective layer formed on the first and second metal  
4            layers.

1       11. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 10, wherein  
2 the protective layer is a SiO<sub>2</sub>, SiN or SiON layer.

1       12. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the period is in a range of 10~250nm.

1       13. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the first or second thickness is in a range of 30~150nm.

1       14. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the vertical distance is in a range of 10~100nm.

1       15. A wire grid polarizer with double metal layers,  
2 comprising:

3           a transparent substrate;  
4           an array of parallel and elongated dielectric layers formed  
5           on the transparent substrate, wherein the dielectric  
6           layers have a period and a trench is located between  
7           adjacent dielectric layers;  
8           a first metal layer having a first thickness formed in the  
9           trench; and  
10          a second metal layer having a second thickness and a width  
11           formed on each of the dielectric layers, wherein a  
12           vertical distance is between the first and second  
13           metal layers;  
14          wherein the period is in a range of 10~250nm;  
15          wherein the first thickness is in a range of 30~150nm and  
16           is equal to the second thickness;  
17          wherein the vertical distance is in a range of 10~100nm;  
18          wherein the ratio of the width to the period is in a range  
19           of 25~75%.

1       16. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 15, wherein  
2       the transparent substrate is exposed in the trench.

1       17. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 15, wherein  
2       a remaining dielectric layer is formed on a bottom of the trench.

1       18. A method of forming a wire grid polarizer with double  
2       metal layers, comprising the steps of:  
3           providing a transparent substrate;  
4           forming an array of parallel and elongated dielectric layers  
5           on the transparent substrate, wherein the dielectric  
6           layers have a period and a trench is located between  
7           adjacent dielectric layers;

8 forming a first metal layer having a first thickness in  
9 the trench; and  
10 forming a second metal layer having a second thickness and  
11 a width on each dielectric layer, wherein the first  
12 and second metal layers are separated by a vertical  
13 distance;  
14 wherein the period is in a range of 10~250nm;  
15 wherein the first thickness is in a range of 30~150nm and  
16 is equal to the second thickness;  
17 wherein the vertical distance is in a range of 10~100nm;  
18 wherein the ratio of the width to the period is in a range  
19 of 25~75%.

1 19. The method according to claim 18, the transparent  
2 substrate is exposed in the trench.

1 20. The method according to claim 18, wherein a remaining  
2 dielectric layer is formed on a bottom of the trench.

1 21. The method according to claim 18, further comprising  
2 the step of:

3 forming a protective layer on the first and second metal  
4 layers.

1 22. The method according to claim 18, wherein the  
2 dielectric layers are formed by photolithography or nanoimprint.